J. N. COLLIER
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Mr. J. C. Collier,
Barnesville, Ga.

Dear Mr. Collier:

I guess that you think I have forgotten about the letter yo you wrote me Mch. Ist., but I have been trying to find out something about the Collier race. Miss Mattie T. Collier is not my neice but my first cousin. Our grand-father's name was Jesse Collier. Our great-grand father's name was Benjamin Collier and his wife was Margaret Lane. They came from Tennessee. Their children's names as well as I can find out were Benjamin Collier, James G. Collier, Joseph Collier, Jesse Collier, Polly Collier, Sarah Collier and Martha Collier, and there might have been one or two more boys and girls - I do not know.

My father's name was Zachariah Cowart Collier. He came from Early County, Georgia. My mother's name was Mary Elizabeth Walker. Her mother was a Stewart. My father was born Jan. 5, I832 and died Jan. I2, I896.

My brother is Jackson Collier of Estelline, Hall County, Texas,
My sister is Mrs. Martha Jane (Collier) Tucker, Katy, Texas,
My sister is Mrs. Fannie (Collier) Floyd, Victoria, Texas,
My sister is Mrs. Nannie (Collier) Crawford, II07 Marshall, Houston, Texas,
My name is Jesse Newton Collier and my home is Silsbee, Texas.
My first wife was Rannie Lou Floyd. Our children are Mrs. Mary Temple (Collier) Ebeling, 5822 Swiss Ave., Dallas; and Mrs. Rannie Lou (Collier) Miles, I22I McFaddin Ave., Beaumont, Texas. My present wife was Leona Viera Griffin. Her father's name was J. Warren Griffin a brother of Dr. Franklin P. Griffin of Leary, Calhoun County, Ga. We have three children: Jesse Newton Collier Jr., Richard Warren Collier and Viera Virginia Collier all of Silsbee, Texas.

You mention something about Colliers at Waco. My neice Lillian Garrott married R. B. Collier of Waco whose father is a big planter of that place. Lillian Garrott is the daughter of my sister Nannie (Collier) Crawford whose first husband was T. R. Garrott. The John T. Collier that you mention -- I believe if you will write to Dr. J. Isham Collier at Taylor, Texas he will be able to tell you his strain. He is a distant relative of mine, and the John name seems to follow his side. It seems to me that I have heard my father speak of Greene Hardeman but it is so far back that I don't remember. I will also state that Dr. Geo. W. Collier lives in Houston, Texas. He is the son of James G. Collier and the grand-s son of Benjamin Collier. If there is anything that I find out later on I will write you. In the meantime I would be glad to hear from you again and to know whether you think your side of the Collier's is related to my side. Silsbee is not very far from Jacksonville, Houston and Waco and I would be glad to know the names of the Colliers you mention as living at those places.

With kind regards, I am
Yours very truly,

J. N. Collier

I moved and like to know what business you are in and if you are the same Colliers as we are